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OUR WORK.

The House of Education is closed from August 1st to September 15th. Letters relating to the *House of Education, Parents' Review School, Mothers' Educational Course*, Governesses, etc., cannot be answered or received between those dates.

**Register of Schools, some classes of which work in the Parents' Review School and are tested by P.R.S. Examiner:—*

School.	Girls or Boys.	Principal.	Classes Working in P.R.S.
High Cliff School, Scarborough	Girls	Miss Field Hall	Class II.
S. Cuthbert's, Twickenham	Girls and small boys	Miss Gayford	Classes Ia. and II.
Uplands House, Swansea	Girls	Miss Maud	Classes Ib., II., III., IV.
S. Hilda's Prep. School, Purley	Girls and boys	Miss Nesbit	Classes Ia., Ib. and II.
Wootton Court, Wootton, near Canterbury	Boys (preparatory).	H. G. Underhill, Esq.	Classes Ia., Ib., II. & III.
37, Sloane Street, London, S.W.	Boys (preparatory).	C. H. Gibbs, Esq.,	Classes Ib. and II.
Fridhem, Heacham, King's Lynn	Girls	Miss Beck,	Classes Ia., Ib., and III. (in September).

Board of Examinations for Educational Handwork.

Results of Examination held at The House of Education, Ambleside, April 22nd and 23rd, 1904.

†Smith, Elizabeth A.	Passed.	Blease, Dorothy	Passed.
†Owen, Margaret	,,	Flower, Ethelwyn	,,
†Rothera, Marion	,,	Francis, Gertrude	,,
†Saunders, Violet	,,	Carter, Emma J.	,,
Wilkinson, Maude	,,		

Parents' Review School.

The examination papers will be sent out for Monday, July 11th. The summer examination is optional, the answers are not sent up but the parents report on the work.

P.N.E.U. Literary Society.—Subject for July: *The Character of Caliban.*
P.N.E.U. Translation Society.—Subject for July: Voss. *Louise, Dritte Idylle.*

C. Agnes Rooper, *Hon. Sec.*,
Pen Selwood, Gervis Road, Bournemouth,
From whom all particulars may be obtained.

* The Committee take no responsibility with regard to the schools except as far as the above statement goes: due enquiries should be made by Parents. Prospectuses can be had on application to the Office.

† Passed with Distinction.

THE "P.R." LETTER BAG.

[*The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of Correspondents.*]

Dear Miss Armfield,—I am extremely sorry that I shall miss the Committee on Tuesday, I remained to the end of the Conference and therefore shall only arrive in London Thursday morning, instead of Tuesday as I had intended. I should like the Committee to know how very successful my work has been. Although I had to condense my paper on "P.N.E.U." into 15 minutes, it has created a very great interest. As I was able to read German it reached all of the 1,500 people who could hear me. There is absolutely nothing of the kind anywhere abroad, and the want of it is much felt. The nearest approach is "Elternabend," which are held by teachers for the poorer parents in a few towns. They haven't even the good nurses and the rule-of-thumb method that we have. They think our *old-fashioned* English nurse, whose day is beginning to be over with us, as the height of all wisdom. As for co-operation between schools and parents it is non-existent, and the children, or especially the boys, are cheerfully handed over to the State schools at six or seven as much as they were in Sparta. This is not the place to speak of the other side of the question, for, of course, we have much to learn too. The girls, on the whole, are badly taught, this is part of the unread question there, and neither girls or boys know much of nature lore, nor do they read much. All this I gather from the papers read at the Congress, from teachers and from parents. I have at least ten names of people who wish to come to our next Conference (three ladies from Norway) and your and my work will be pretty heavy in following up the clues. Unfortunately, I had not sent the literature beforehand, and could only disseminate it by carrying our leaflet about in my bag, and handing it to the people who came up and spoke of my little address. If only someone would give us £10 to spend on this kind of advertisement; we would send our literature about more and it would pay splendidly. I also feel that I now know the names of many Continental people whom we might invite to speak at our Conference, and who, because they are asked to help us in this way, will be willing to go back and spread our teaching. I cannot say how much my work has been lightened by the printing of our philosophy, it makes one so much freer in inviting all views, because one can say, "Yes, most interesting and most helpful; we however do and say this,"—moreover I am asked repeatedly too, "And what do you teach your parents when you get them together?"

Yours affectionately,
H. Franklin.

Marburg,
19*th June*, 1904.

[This letter was not intended for publication, but we think our readers will be much interested, and therefore obtained permission to print it. The Meetings referred to are those in connection with the International Congress of Women Workers, which have just been held in Berlin.—Ed.]

Dear Editor,—Will you kindly allow me to call to the attention of members the fact that the office will be closed from July 30th to Sept. 7th inclusive, and that between those dates no Library books can be borrowed or exchanged, and only important letters will be answered.

Yours truly,
F. Noel Armfield, *Sec.*

26, Victoria Street, S.W.

DEAR EDITOR,—The *Model Course of Physical Training*, issued by the Board of Education, Whitehall, 3*d.*, as mentioned on page 417 of June *Parents' Review*, is to be obtained from Eyre & Spottiswoode, or any bookseller, *not* from the Board of Education, by post, as they have courteously informed me.

Truly yours,

M. BURRELL.

5, Hill Street, Richmond, S.W.

DEAR EDITOR,—May I call your attention to the enclosed paper, describing a scheme in which I think you will be interested. At the present time there seems to be a strong desire, on the part of many, for Biblical Study, combined with a certain anxiety and fear as to its effects. Formerly such study, though often most real and profound religiously, rested as regards its intellectual side on foundations which later research in various directions has shewn to be insecure; and many people, knowing this much, and not being able or perhaps willing to penetrate further, are hampered in their religious study and teaching of the Bible by a doubt as to whether even its greatest truths rest on a sound basis, and falter in their study. It is, therefore, most important that the sound constructive results of manifold research, which have been now arrived at, should be brought within the reach of those who are unable to read widely themselves, but who desire to rest with assurance and confidence on the fundamental truths of Christianity which, as I firmly believe, this wider study has only more surely established. On this basis they are quite willing to face intellectual difficulty, and can wait with elasticity of mind for the further results of sincere investigation. They are thus delivered from the confusion of mind which is fatal to quiet faith and growth, and which leads to vague doubt rather than to intellectual grappling. This has been my own experience and that of many others with whom I have been brought in touch, and who, with me, welcome warmly and hopefully the fullest light that can be thrown.

Believe me, sincerely yours,

MARY BENSON.

Tremans, Horsted Keynes, Sussex.

VACATION TERM FOR BIBLICAL STUDY AT OXFORD.

JULY 25th to AUGUST 13th, 1904.

Secretary:—MISS CREIGHTON, Hampton Court Palace.
(To whom any enquiries may be addressed.)

FIRST WEEK. JULY 25th to 30th.

COURSES OF FOUR LECTURES.

Old Testament Theology. DR. BUCHANAN GRAY.
The Fourth Gospel. THE DEAN OF ST. PATRICK'S.

SECOND WEEK. AUGUST 1st to 6th.

COURSES OF FOUR LECTURES.

Old Testament History. REV. C. J. BALL.
New Testament History. PROFESSOR RAMSAY.
Philosophy of Religion. MR. C. WEBB.

THIRD WEEK. AUGUST 8th to 13th.

COURSES OF FOUR LECTURES.

New Testament Theology. DR. ADENEY.
Ezekiel. DR. BENNETT.

Tickets admitting to all lectures will be 10*s.* a week; 25*s.* for the whole term. Tickets for each course of lectures 5*s.*, or for single lectures 1*s.* 6*d.*, can also be obtained.

P.N.E.U. NOTES.

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To whom all Hon. Local Secs. are requested to send reports of all matters of interest connected with their branches, also 6 copies of any prospectuses or other papers they may print.

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NEW BRANCHES.

The Executive Committee has been approached with a view to starting Branches in the following places:—

BRADFORD.

CARDIFF.—Names may be sent to Mrs. Hamilton, Blackladies, Dynas Powis.

DUNFERMLINE.—Mrs. Beveridge, Pitreavie, Dunfermline, would be glad to hear from people interested.

GUILDFORD.—Names may be sent *pro tem.* to Mrs. Clarke Kennedy, Ewhurst Rectory, near Guildford.

NOTTINGHAM.

SURBITON.

SWANSEA.

Readers of the *Parents' Review* living in these districts, or having friends there, are asked to communicate with Miss Armfield, 26, Victoria Street, S.W.

BOURNEMOUTH AND BOSCOMBE.—The members of the Juvenile Nature Study Club in connection with this branch had a most successful and pleasant outing to New Milton. The party was met at the station by the Rev. J. E. Kelsall, and conducted by him for a lovely walk over commons golden with gorse, down by a chine, of which the banks were blue with a carpet of dog violets to the seashore, and back by Barton Cliff to his vicarage, where he most hospitably entertained his sixty guests with a ramble through his aviary-like garden, followed by a welcome tea. During the walk Mr. Kelsall pointed out the most noteworthy natural features that he observed, assisted by Mr. Sutton and Dr. Mahomed.

HAMPSTEAD.—This branch held their closing meeting of the season on Wednesday afternoon, May 18th, at 21, Lyndhurst Road (by invitation of Mrs. Walter Rea). Dr. Richard Garnett, C.B., the president of the branch, occupied the chair, and a lecture was delivered by Mr. C. Simmons on "The Tyranny of the Printer." Under this somewhat ambiguous title Mr. Simmons dealt with what he considers one of the greatest difficulties of the schoolmaster, *i.e.*, defective articulation, and branded this generation as one of mumblers. In an ingenious manner the lecturer proceeded to trace many other evils to this source, such as waste of time, hindrance to learning, and general failure to learn foreign languages. He considered that among the conditions which produce "inflexibility of mouth" are absence of sufficient class-rooms, and home work learnt in dumb show at home. Some blame also lies with the untrained teacher, from whom many mistakes are concealed by slovenliness of utterance. Fitly may we be dubbed, he said, as a nation, "the inarticulate." We lay great stress on the teaching of the three R.'s, and